Formulary of Unani Medicines

991. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of medicines which are presently included in the formulary of Unani medicines for C.G.H.S.;

(b) what are the names of the medicines which have been excluded from the Unani formulary during the last four years;

(c) whether Government are aware that at least 60 per cent medicines of the present formulary are often not available in the Unani dispensaries/Units; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The list of Unani Medicines is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 27]

(b) The names of medicines which have been excluded from the Unani formulary during be last four years is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 28]

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, in respect of medicines which are not available in the Unani Dispensaries/Units, the same are purchased locally and supplied to the beneficiaries.

Quality of Unani Medicines

992. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 9 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th November, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the details of the complaints received about the quality of Unani medicine supplied by IMPCL during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what action Government have taken thereon; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to develop fool proof method for testing the quality of Unani medicines, for introducing the indenting system similar to prevailing in receipt of Allopathic medicine and for apponting CMOs and specialists in Unani system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The information is given below:—

Year	No. of complaints	Total value medicines
1988-89	1	Rs. 6,000
1989-90	8	Rs. 64,598
1990-91	7	Rs. 83,300
1991-91 (upto 26.2.1991)	9	Rs. 46,245

(b) The Corporation is taking remedial action under expert advice from Unani experts.

(c) The Corporation prepares medicines according to the methods described in Unani literature. However, Unani Pharmacopoein Committee has been constituted for preparing Unani formulary and pharmacopocia. The Unani pharmacopoeia when finalised will be the basis for testing of Unani medicines.

The medicines are indented by Unani dispensary/Unit from Unani store depot on monthly basis. If any medicine is exhausted earlier, it is indented on the same day. If a medicine is not available in the Unani store depot, it is purchased locally and supplied to the patient.

On the basis of the recommendations of the High Power Committee constituted for cadre restructure and career improvement of the ractitioners of Indian Systems of Medicines and Homoeopathy, 8 posts of Unani physicians have been upgraded as Senior Medical Officer (Unani) in the pay scale of Rs. 3000-4500, one post of Medi-